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Shelley Anderson
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
Room 4A-026
College Park, MD 20740-3835

Re: Nutrient Descriptor Claims for the Carbohydrate Content of Food

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Dear Ms. Anderson,

To the above referenced petition, the Grocery Manufacturers Association ("GMA") hereby agrees to an extension of time until April 30, 2006 for the issuance of proposed rules for "low," "reduced," "light" and "free" carbohydrates. GMA also agrees to an extension of time until April 30th for the issuance of an announced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) for "good source," "excellent source" and "net carbs.

Sincerely,

Alison Kretser, MS RD

Senior Director, Scientific & Nutrition Policy

Grocery Manufacturers Association

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